

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for providing an opportunity to re-submit in proper form the claims amended by the Amendment dated January 3, 2005. Applicants kindly request that the claims submitted herein be substituted for the claims presented in the Amendment dated January 3, 2005.

Through a clerical error, an indication of the amendment status of claim 1 and an indication of the deletion of claims 2 through 56 were omitted. In this Amendment, a complete set of the claims, as amended, are shown in proper form.

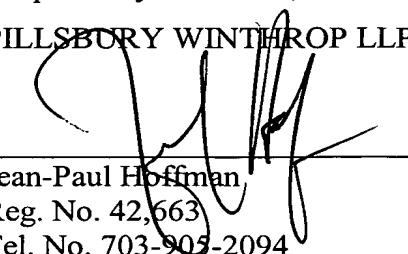
Reconsideration of the rejections in view of the amended claims as submitted herein and the Remarks in the Amendment dated January 3, 2005, which Remarks are incorporated herein by reference, is requested.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. If questions relating to patentability remain, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss them.

Should any fees be due, please charge them to our deposit account no. 03-3975, under our order no. 061047/0265648. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced deposit account.

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